



## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

### **Join us in celebrating open space preservation in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area**

On behalf of Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Alki Community Council, the Me-Kwa-Mooks Jacobsen Alliance, and Cascade Land Conservancy you are invited to a community celebration of open space preservation in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area.

**Saturday, June 12, 2004**

**10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

(Program will start at 11 am.)

**Celebration location: Me-Kwa-Mooks Park, 4504 Beach Drive Southwest**

For the past decade, local residents, the City, and the Cascade Land Conservancy successfully worked together to preserve more than 3.5 acres in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area along SW Jacobsen Road.

Please join us in celebrating this achievement. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and you are invited to bring cookies to share. This event is free and open to the public. Children of all ages are welcome.

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, Seattle City Councilmember David Della, and County Councilmember Dow Constantine will participate in the program, as well as Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ken Bounds, a Cascade Land Conservancy representative, and members of the community.

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Or see the webpage: [www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/me-kwa-mooks.htm](http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/me-kwa-mooks.htm)

*See reverse for map and more details.*



In the 1990s extensive development was proposed on privately owned property in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area along SW Jacobsen Road, adjacent to the southern portion of Me-Kwa-Mooks Park. Approximately 20 homes could have been built in what is a treasured West Seattle green space.

The Me-Kwa-Mooks Jacobsen Alliance and the Alki Community Council committed to preserving the property for future generations, as an extension of the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area. The Alki community voted to designate a portion of Metro mitigation funds, known as the Alki Community Improvement Fund (CIF), toward land preservation in the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area.

Working closely with the Cascade Land Conservancy, local residents Peter Goldman and Martha Kongsgaard helped enable the Conservancy to purchase part of a 1.8 acre property at 5244 SW Jacobsen Road, to protect it until a suitable conservation arrangement could be worked out. In 2004, the land was permanently preserved through CIF funds and an agreement between the Conservancy and Seattle Parks.

In 2003, Seattle Parks purchased an adjacent 2.1 acre parcel. This purchase was funded by the Pro Parks Levy, approved by Seattle voters in 2000, and by King County Conservation Futures Tax funds. Through a generous charitable remainder trust established by the former property owners, James E. (Jim) Nelson and Patsy Nelson, the proceeds of the sale of this property will benefit both the University of Washington Medical School, and Seattle Parks and Recreation's preservation of additional green space. This 2.1 acre parcel will be named the "Edwin S. Nelson Addition to the Me-Kwa-Mooks Natural Area," in tribute to Jim Nelson's father who once lived on the property.